

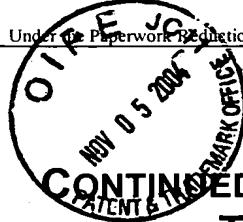
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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
Application Number	09/904,877
Filing Date	July 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	Ashkenazi, et al.
Group Art Unit	1647
Examiner Name	Spector, Lorraine
Attorney Docket Number	39780-1618P2C27

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Preliminary Amendment
 - ii. Declaration(s) — Sherman Fong, Ph.D. w/Exhibits A-I
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 39780-1618P2C27)
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) — \$790.00
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) — \$2,080.00 = 5-month EOT
 - iii. Other
- b. Check in the amount of \$ enclosed 11/12/2004 HGUTEMA1 00000033 081641 09904877
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) 01 FC:1801 790.00 DA

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Preliminary Amendment

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed April 6, 2004 in this case. This RCE filing and Preliminary amendment are being timely filed concurrent with a Petition for Extension of Time for five months to maintain co-pendency of this application. Accompanying this filing is a Declaration by Sherman Fong, Ph.D with exhibits A-I and a copy of his curriculum vitae. Entry of these amendments and declaration are respectfully requested.